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H. R. 1660

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 22, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN
- 4 SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- 6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
- 7 United States Code, a national cemetery in the southern

- 1 Colorado region to serve the needs of veterans and their
- 2 families.
- 3 (b) Consultation in Selection of Site.—Before
- 4 selecting the site for the national cemetery established
- 5 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—
- 6 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-
- 7 rado and local officials in the southern Colorado re-
- 8 gion; and
- 9 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,
- 10 including the Administrator of General Services,
- with respect to land belonging to the United States
- in that region that would be suitable to establish the
- national cemetery under subsection (a).
- (c) Authority To Accept Donation of Parcel
- 15 OF LAND.—
- 16 (1) In General.—The Secretary of Veterans
- 17 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States
- the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.
- 19 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction
- over such parcel of real property, and shall use such
- 21 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-
- section (a).
- 23 (2) Income tax treatment of gift.—For
- purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,

- 1 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall
- 2 be considered as a gift to the United States.
- 3 (d) Report.—As soon as practicable after the date
- 4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
- 5 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
- 6 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
- 7 a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
- 8 costs associated with such establishment.
- 9 (e) Southern Colorado Region Defined.—In
- 10 this Act, the term "southern Colorado region" means the
- 11 geographic region consisting of the following Colorado
- 12 counties:
- 13 (1) El Paso.
- 14 (2) Pueblo.
- 15 (3) Teller.
- 16 (4) Fremont.
- 17 (5) Las Animas.
- 18 (6) Huerfano.
- 19 (7) Custer.
- 20 (8) Costilla.
- 21 (9) Alamosa.
- 22 (10) Saguache.
- 23 (11) Conejos.
- 24 (12) Mineral.
- 25 (13) Archuleta.

1	(14) Hinsdale.
2	(15) Gunnison.
3	(16) Pitkin.
4	(17) La Plata.
5	(18) Montezuma
6	(19) San Juan.
7	(20) Ouray.
8	(21) San Miguel
9	(22) Dolores.
10	(23) Montrose.
11	(24) Delta.
12	(25) Mesa.
13	(26) Crowley.
14	(27) Kiowa.
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